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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

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Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The non-English references are enclosed herein for what is shown in the figures.

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

Remarks

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449.

Copies of the following references are not included as they should have been forwarded along with the International Search Report:

1. U.S. 4 934 544 A to Han et al.

Copies of the following references are not included as they were discussed in the application and were transmitted by the International Bureau:

1. EP 0 395 660 B1;
2. EP 0 534 949 B1; and
3. EP 0 697 345 A2.

It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;

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2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;

3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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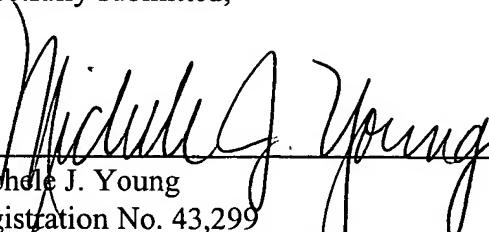
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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